

SYSTEM OR METHOD FOR LOADING SOFTWARE ONTO A VEHICLE

Abstract of the Disclosure

The disclosure describes a system or method for distributing software intended for use in vehicles, including but not limited to navigation applications. The distribution system allows individual vehicle owners, as well as third-parties such as automotive dealerships and mechanics, to load software onto vehicle applications in a more efficient manner. Instead of loading the software off of a CD-ROM using a CD player within the vehicle, software files can be received by a general purpose computer accessible by the recipient of the software. The software can then be loaded onto the vehicle hard drive utilizing the superior computing power of the general purpose computer. In order to prevent the unauthorized copying and distribution of the software upgrades, the software can be encrypted using some type of unique identifier, such as a vehicle identification number (VIN).